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	FROM AmEmbassy BUENOS AIRES	CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]
E.O. 11652: TAGS: SUBJECT:	GDS SHUM, AR Official Reaction to Solari Irigoyen Call on Deputy Secretary	
ACTION:	ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044) U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS Margaret P. Grafeld, Director	
Chargé	[REDACTED] BUENOS AIRES	
POL 3	REF: State 152143	
POL/R	1. Summary: On July 1 Chargé was called to FonOffice and	
USIS	presented with Aide Memoire expressing GOA's distress	
DAO	that Solari Irigoyen had called on Deputy Secretary.	
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ECOM	2. Chief North American Division, Miguel Angel Espeche	
RF	Gil, called Chargé in July 1 to present Aide Memoire	
CHRON	expressing GOA unhappiness Senator Ipolito Solari	
INSP	Irigoyen was received by a Deputy Secretary. The Aide	
	Memoire quoted the Department Spokesman's statement that	
	the Secretary had a special interest in hearing the	
	views of a political personality who was dedicated to	
	human rights in Latin America. Operative part of this	
	document states "It has come to the attention of the	
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GOA that Señor Solari Irigoyen, whose ties to terrorist organization caused his detention under the National Executive Power, was received by a high official of the North American Government and that the meeting resulted in the comments mentioned above." Note continues that GOA consented to free Solari, despite risks involved, as a demonstration of goodwill in response to the interest manifested by various groups of friendly countries, among which was the United States. Note adds that at recent OASGA Secretary and FonMin agreed to maintain ~~XXXX~~ exchange of information on human rights and that Argentines stressed need for US to understand Argentine problems originating in terrorism. However, the understanding sought in that interview has not been helped by this episode because the North American Government, through one of its highest officials, has resorted to a terrorist accomplice to inform itself about the human rights situation in Latin America. Note closes with hope that this incident will not further arouse Argentine public opinion and that similar situations can be avoided in the future.

3. After reading Aide Memoire, Chargé stated he would be happy to forward note to Dept, but questioned description of Solari as terrorist accomplice. He


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stated that, so far as US Embassy was aware, no such charges had ever been raised against Solari.

If such charges existed, he would be happy to forward them to the Department, but in the absence of such charges, he did not believe it was appropriate to suggest that Deputy Secretary should not receive Solari. When pressed on matter of charges, Espeche hedged, stating that he understands Ambassador Aja Espil would present pertinent information to Department. He did not offer to make any charges available to Chargé. Espeche stressed that reception of Solari was strengthening hand of "hard-liners in GOA."

Chargé responded that we would be glad to receive any charges or evidence GOA cared to make available.

4. Espeche appeared highly uncomfortable when he presented it and we doubt that his heart was in his work. Undoubtedly reception of Solari by Deputy Secretary caused considerable distress among Navy hard-liners who had initially captured Solari.

5. We see no particular utility in responding to Aide Memoire at this point. Aide Memoire was probably a gesture of frustration by Navy associates of FonOffice leadership.

6. Text of Aide Memoire pouched for ARA/ECA.

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